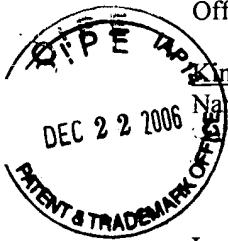


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In re Application of: ROSENGART ) Examiner: Henry M. Johnson III  
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Application Number: 10/706,506 ) Group Art Unit: 3739  
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CUTTING A HEART VALVE

### AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 22, 2006

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated June 23, 2006, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response. A petition for a three-month extension of time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith, thus making the response due on or before December 23, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**The Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.